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**Portland Area Service Committee
Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous
17200 SE Stark Street
Portland, OR
April 28, 2007**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer for those who cared to join in.

The Twelve Traditions were read by Syd
The Twelve Concepts were read by Toni
The 4th Concept was read by Linda
The Dedication to Service was read by Pam

Roll Call of Officers

11 were present.

Roll Call of Groups

24 answered the roll call.

Quorum

Quorum is established at 12.

New GSRs

The following Group Service Representatives attended New GSR Orientation:

Toni – Freedom in the Flats
Pam – What’s Really Going On?
Christy – Towanda
Chris – Off the Hook
Ana – Minute by Minute
Leslie – What it is
Mark – The Rockwood Nooner
Sam – Hope Group
Michael – One Promise, Many Gifts

Unfinished Business

Michele V. was elected as PASC Secretary by general consent.

Nominations remain open for PASC Archivist.

Treasurer’s Report- Ron C.

People are using personal checks to make group donations to area. It would be better to pay by money order. Or, better yet, open a bank account for your group. It is a better way to keep track of money for your group.

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Secretary Report – Michele V.

Please help me collect accurate contact information for your groups. If you need to get a hold of me, my email address is: mvowell503@msn.com. I can be reached by telephone at (503) 679-6581.

Chair Report- Paul J.

I want to apologize for letting last month's meeting get out of order.

Since last month, we have located the section of the PASC bylaws which explains how the Portland Area should donate to its Region. It is listed in Section Seven, Article I, under the Treasurer's duties. After the area pays its bills and sets aside two months operating expenses, the remaining funds are to be disbursed to the Pacific Cascade Region of Narcotics Anonymous. We may look at moving those provisions to the Area's Financial Responsibilities section of the bylaws for clarification.

Also at the request of the chair, Ana and Chris volunteered to help the Area take an inventory of items in storage.

Rose City Metro Report – David P.

Please see attached.

A response to the Metro – Travis, Learning to Live

In response to the Rose City Metro Report, Travis, From Learning to Live, added his impressions of the Metro meeting. He attended this month's Metro meeting as his group is skeptical about the process.

Most of the reason that the other areas wanted to create a Metro is there is "distrust of the way the Portland Area handles its money," Travis said. "The other areas don't have these services at a functioning level... We have no overlapping services."

Travis reported that there is only one functioning Metro in the World, and that is in the East Bay. For all of the other areas that tried to create a Metro, personality conflicts and squabbling about finances fractured the unity that was intended by creating a Metro.

The Portland Area is not a huge area, Travis said. It appears that a Metro is being formed where a couple of phone calls, a little bit of kindness and good will would do the trick. But Travis said he believes that the issue of money is getting put before the purpose. And NA teaches that if something isn't practical, it isn't spiritual.

"Everybody has questions because what is happening doesn't really make sense," Travis said. "There isn't a clear concise plan for Metro."

Open Forum

Donald, from Find the Way, said he agreed with Travis; that the creation of the Metro has been fueled by resentments. Perhaps it is time for the area to do an inventory.

Steve, RCM, said that Portland is paying for all services in the Metropolitan area. The way the Metro is being created, the other areas will be paying too.

Wayne, PASC Vice Chair, said he is "real burned out on the whole Metro thing," he said. The other areas started organizing the Metro and we wanted to foster unity. The money is only a small part of it.

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Wayne asked that anyone interested in learning more about the Metro should look at the information on the website, in the Guide to Local Service, call Wayne or David, or go to the monthly Metro meeting at the Paulist Center.

“If we spend this much time on this, other stuff gets neglected,” Wayne said.

Travis, Learning to Live, said that the PASC is the place where groups are supposed to talk about these large issues facing the area.

Unity was the goal when the PASC formed the Portland Area Service Office. But he believes that the service office was one of the things that led to the fragmentation of the area.

“I am speaking out about what I feel passionately about,” Travis said. “We can ask questions... We can make well-informed decisions... I think the best way to affect change is to participate.”

Paul, PASC Chair, said that no one was steam rolled into approving the Metro and moving it forward. Portland Area is run by the groups. Representatives of the Groups make the motions and the groups vote on them. The voice of the Portland Area has spoken.

Pam, from What’s Really Going On, said this is the second time she attended the PASC.

“When new people come to area, we should try to show them the way,” Pam said. “Today, I came in with an open mind... with my own spirituality; and I will try to leave with it.”

Harry, from the Victory Group, said that the Metro doesn’t make sense to him. The Portland Area should handle its own business. Just as groups are autonomous, so are areas.

“We learned some things with that Area Service Office,” Harry said. “If you have to pull a lot of people along, kicking and screaming, maybe it shouldn’t happen.”

Eric P, Activities Chair, reminded everyone that summer is coming. Please check the Activities at a Glance for upcoming events. Also, Portland is communicating with the other areas to coordinate events.

Ana, from Minute by Minute, said that this was her first time back at Area, and her first time hearing about the Metro. From her perspective, the Metro is a way to pool resources and get the message out to the addicts who still suffer.

Brian, from Off the Hook, announced an upcoming Bingo night fundraiser at the RAP Center.

Leslie, from What it is, commented that the Portland Area has supported its subcommittees for lots of years. “Why destroy something that is working,” she said.

David, PASC Metro Service Rep, said he went into this service commitment with no opinion and an open mind. And, open-mindedness is an important spiritual principal in his recovery.

“It has been a very exciting thing for me,” he said. “It could be a very good thing; it could be a very bad thing... This is an opportunity to do something different.”

Vice Chair Report – Wayne C.

No report at this time.

Subcommittees and Regional Issues

Activities

Portland Area Activities Sub-Committee Report

For April 1, 2007 at 8800 SE 80th @ 2:00pm

Eric opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. Soma read the 12 Traditions; Jennifer read the 1st concept. The first time visitor Teresa R. Second time visitor was Ann Marie who made a verbal commitment to the committee. The Chair reported to the committee then called for reports from the Treasurer, RCM, Calendar Coordinator, Flyer Coordinator, Reminder Coordinator, Gratitude Coordinator, Storage Coordinator, Newcomer Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator and Archivist. Quorum was met; we had 14 voting members attending. In Unfinished business Nannette P will continue to be secretary, with Jennifer K as alternate secretary. The Chair then turned the meeting over to the Vice-Chair for Future, Ongoing, and Past Events.

The event coordinators gave the reports. The 4th of July picnic has an ad-hoc scheduled look for flyers. Government Island has decided to charge for ferry service the cost will be \$10 for adults/\$5 for kids to & from island. Picnic in the Park starts in may the 3rd Saturday of the month. Multnomah Falls hike will be the 23rd of June look for flyer. Beverly Beach is putting on spaghetti feed fundraiser on May 5th flyers are out. Unity in the Streets is putting on a fund raiser dance look for flyers. Activities Committee is putting on a fundraiser dance, info on flyers. All info on these events and more are in Activites at a Glance. The meeting was then turned back to the Chair for new business.

There was no New Business. The meeting closed at 4:06pm

Thank you, your trusted servant,

Eric P

Literature

Total sales this month - \$?

Total expenses this month - \$.00

Current Balance \$?

Outreach

The Outreach Subcommittee changed its meeting time to 1 p.m. Now Outreach will meet to conduct business one hour before Area every month. New GSR Orientation will begin at 1:30 p.m. Eric has agreed to visit business meetings to continue to invite groups back to participate at the Area level. He will need help, if you are willing. The Outreach Committee reviewed its bylaws. Then, Outreach was able to orient four new GSRs.

Syd, Outreach Chair

Hospitals & Institutions

Total Commitments -54

Missed - 6

Cancelled -0

Number of addicts seen -865

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Hotline

Men and women are needed for twelve step calls. The Hotline Subcommittee is moving its meeting to Foster and Holgate (Round Table Pizza). The time will be 5:45 till 6:45, the second Sunday of every month - except in May it will be held on the 20th. The Hotline Subcommittee needs more participation at business meetings.

No open shifts at this time.

Thank you for letting me be of service

LYNDA A. Chair

Public Information

RCM REPORT:

Alt. RCM-Eric

Hello, my name is Eric and I am your addict Alternate Regional Committee Member.

Regional business started at 10:08. We opened with the serenity prayer, followed by the traditions and the 12 concepts. We took roll call, first regional committee subs, then area representatives. We counted voting members and set quorum.

We did reports next. First, the subcommittee members gave their reports. We took a brake for 12 minutes. We came back and then area RCMs gave their reports. We broke for lunch at 12:22 p.m.

We did the serenity prayer at 1:50 p.m. Then, we did unfinished business. We voted on major motions, then money motions. We then did nominations for Regional Positions:

Chair - open

Vice chair - open

Treasurer is open

Secretary – J.B. was nominated

Alternate Secretary- Open

Regional Delegate – Danies was nominated

Alternate Delegate – Tani was nominated

Conferences and Conventions Chair – Jeff was nominated

Hospitals and Institutions Chair – Kipper was nominated

Public Information Chair – Jimmy was nominated

Literature Chair – open

Policy and Procedure Committee Chair – Rob

Activities Committee Chair – Open

Archivist – Open

We then closed the meeting. Thank you for letting me be of service,

Alternate RCM,

Eric

New Business

Motion # 11-submitted by Burnside Blues, and seconded by Back to Basics.

Motion: To donate 726.22 to region today, and next month cut balance of \$73.88 to region to make a total of \$800.

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Purpose of motion: To be in compliance with our PASC Bylaws.

Motion failed: For - 4 Against-9 Abstain-4

Motion #13 -submitted by Learning to Live

Motion: To temporarily suspend progression toward adjoining the Rose City Metro....

Chair ruled motion out of order as too vague

Motion #14 – Submitted by Troy,

Motion: To remove current treasurer from office

Dies for lack of a second

Motion #15 – Submitted by Allen S.

Motion: To send motion #11 back to the groups

Ruled out of order

Motion #16 – Submitted by Travis, seconded by Southeast Serenity

Motion: That the PASC hold 2 workshops with the intent of further educating the members and groups on what the “Rose City Metro” specifically is doing or intending to do, and what specifically, a “Metro” by the guide to local service is.

Purpose of Motion: To clarify the purpose, intent and action already taken by uninformed or misinformed groups and members.

Motion withdrawn by maker of the motion as Chair asked Travis to head an ad-hoc committee to look into conducting a Metro Workshop.

(The PASC requests groups to discuss the following motions (in red) and be ready to vote on these matters at next month’s PASC.)

Motion #12 -submitted by Paul J, PASC Chair, and seconded by Serenity Sisters.

Motion: For \$500 for another run of H & I shirts for books.

Purpose of motion: To provide institutions with books and fulfill our primary purpose.

Motion #17 -submitted by Allen S., and seconded by Back to Basics.

Motion: To remove Treasurer from office.

Purpose of motion: To remove treasurer from office so to not following PASC bylaws.

Motion #18 – submitted by Learning to Live and seconded by?

Motion: To suspend any further progression toward enjoyment with the Rose City Metro by the PASC and all sub-committees for 6 months, giving time for the groups to obtain more accurate information: i.e. workshops and a chance to participate further.

Purpose of motion: Halt further motions from being passed, engaging us further into responsibilities regarding Metro, so that Metro may better coordinate what they are already doing.

Nominations remain open for PASC Archivist

From Section Seven, Article II, of the PASC Bylaws:

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Archivist: The Archivist is responsible for organizing and maintaining P.A.S.C. archives, and bringing current and past year archives to each P.A.S.C. meeting. Older archives will be made available by the Archivist upon receipt of a passed motion form submitted to the PASC. The Archivist is also responsible for numbering and recording Area motions before they are submitted to the Executive Committee, and for keeping track of the results of said motions. The Archivist shall be responsible for updating the bylaws as amendments occur and shall provide the webmaster with an official copy for posting on the internet. The Archivist shall have a suggested minimum of two years clean time.